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PREFACE.

The settlement of that portion of West New Jersey bordering on the Deleware and Cohansey Rivers soon followed the founding of Salem by John Fenwick and his company of Quakers in 1675. The first settlers were members of Fenwick's Colony, and the place was known as Cohansey, a name soon changed to Greenwich by the incoming of people from a town of that name in the Colony of Connecticut.

The love of adventure, the hope of bettering their condition influenced the people of the seventeenth century as it has every generation since, especially the inhabitants of New England, who early began their migrations.

Leaving the land of his birth, we have followed Thomas Maskell to that settlement on the Cohansey, where, among other New Englanders, for more than thirty years he lived and labored to establish a home.

No plan has yet been found, no way discovered, to escape the hand of death. In youth the beckoning fingers are not seen, in the fulness and joy of life they have no place, in old age, to some, the clasp of the hand is welomed to gain release.

When the summons came to join that never ending procession, which since time began, has marched onward toward the goal of human destiny, Thomas Maskell had so lived, that he left not only house and land, but what is of greater value, a good name, a name, honored and cherished, which, carried onward with the flood of years has been borne, not only by his descendants, but by others who have known and respected it, thus keeping the name of Maskell in remembrance from generation to generation.

Living at a period when few records were made, and many of them not preserved, it has not been without difficulty that the descendants of Thomas Maskell have been traced from their Connecticut ancestor.

Few towns on the eastern side of the Delaware are so rich in early history as Greenwich. Time and change have dealt kindly with the old town, and houses are still standing that sheltered the early settlers upward of two centuries or more ago.

The Maskell family who made the place its home for so many years is all gone, and were it not for the time-stained stones in the old burying-ground would be forgotten by those having no interest in the name.

The compiler is under obligations to Miss Hannah Maskell Allen of Salem, Mrs. Sarah Sheppard Hancock of Greenwich, and Mrs. Ida Stout Rider of Hammonton, N. J., descendents of Thomas Maskell, for their assistance. His thanks are also due Mr. Charles Ewing Sheppard, the well known genealogist of Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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THOMAS MASKELL OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

HIS SON,

THOMAS MASKELL OF GREENWICH, NEW JERSEY

AND

SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

1

THOMAS MASKELL

Among the inhabitants of Windsor, the earliest settlement on the Connecticut River, was Thomas Maskell, a native of England. He married Bathia Parsons, May 10, 1660. She was the daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Brown) Parsons, born May 21, 1642.

Thomas Brown was one of thirty soldiers who marched from Windsor in 1637 to fight and conquor the Pequot Indians, and was awarded fifty acres of land for his services. He married Lydia Brown, June 28, 1641. She died June 14, 1674.

The selectmen of Windsor made an agreement with him to keep a ferry over the rivulet for one year from March 25, 1651–2 He died September 23, 1661.

The land adjoining Windsor on its western boundary having been opened for settlement under the name of Massaco, and a number of families already living there, Thomas Maskell, his wife and infant daughter Bathia, removed, probably before the close of the year 1661.

The name of Massaco was soon changed to Simsbury, where he appears as a freeman.

Their children were:

2 Bathia, b. Windsor, March 6, 1660–1

3 Thomas, b. Simsbury, March 19, 1661-2, died.

4 Abigail, b. November 27, 1663; m. Thomas Bacon March 12, 1684–5.

Their children were:

Mary Bacon, b. October 12, 1685.
Bathia Bacon, b. February 6, 1686.
Child, b. April 11, 1689; died April 11, 1689.
Nathaniel Bacon, b. March 25 1689 or 1690.
Abigail Bacon, b. December 8, 1693.
Maskell Bacon, b. January 25, 1696.

5 Thomas, b. Simsbury, January 2, 1665–6.
6 John, b. Simsbury, March 19, 1667–8.
7 Elizabeth, b. October 19, 1669.

Thomas Maskell died in the month of August 1671, he was buried the 12, and as he died intestate an inventory was taken by William Thrall and Thomas Stoughton, September 13 1671, amounting to £121:15:6. Administration was granted to his "Relict" November 2, 1671. The Court ordered distribution to the widow; to Thomas born 19, March 1661–2, £25; Bathia, born 6, March 1660, £15; Abigail, born 27, November 1663, £15. Thomas Parsons and Jabez Drake to be overseers.

In the Simsbury records made May 18, 1674, copied from an older book the death of Thomas, son of Thomas Maskell is entered, therefore Thomas born January 2, 1665–6 was evidently the Thomas to whom the £25 was allotted.

The widow of Thomas Maskell married 2d, John Williams Jr. August 8, 1672, and had Frances, b. May 25, 1673, also John and Ebenezer, twins, b. January 7, 1675.

5

THOMAS MASKELL.

(Thomas. 1)

Thomas Maskell's father having died when he was young and his mother married again, he was not so

closely confined by home ties as to prevent him from following his uncle, John Parsons, who had settled on Long Island, where in 1679 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Garlick, widow of Joshua Garlick, one of the first settlers of East Hampton. Two years before her marriage Mrs. Garlick was charged with witchcraft, was tried, and acquitted. Their first child, a daughter named Lydia Parsons, was born April 10, 1680.

It does not appear how long Thomas Maskell resided on Long Island before he met and married Clemons Scudder of East Hampton. She was a descendant of Thomas Scudder of Salem, Mass., whose son John removed to Southold, Long Island, in 1651.

As it became known that land at Cape May in West Jersey, then headquarters of the whaling industry, could be obtained on favorable terms, a number of families from Connecticut and Long Island removed and settled there. John Parsons with his wife and daughter were among them, landing on June 13, 1691. He bought a plantation on which he moved the following September, but did not long survive the change of location, dying January 1693–4 in his forty-seventh year. His widow married John Fish who only lived about six months. Her death occurred in the month of May 1696. John Parsons left his plantation to his daughter Lydia, who married April 8, 1695, William Shaw, by whom she had six children. After his death she married Aaron, son of Christopher Leaming of Cape May.

Doubtless it was through the influence of his uncle that Thomas Maskell first settled in East Hampton, and favorable reports from Cape May possibly induced him to visit that locality with the view of removing thither as so many Long Islanders already had or were about to do.

The advantages of West Jersey as a place of residence evidently appealed to him, for we find him located at

Fairfield, sometimes called New England Town, on the Cohansey River, where a settlement had been made by people from that place in Connecticut. Thomas Maskell came to Long Island by way of the Connecticut River, his subsequent removals were also by water. His attachment to his native town, a desire to visit his relatives and what seemed to him of greater importance, the baptism of his children, induced him to return to Connecticut, for Thomas Maskell had inherited the deep religious faith of pioneers, and his early training in the church at Simsbury had confirmed his belief that parents should bring up their children in the knowledge and the fear of God according to the Scriptures. Rev. Dudley Woodbridge, then minister of the church at Simsbury performed the ordinance of baptism July 9, 1699.

Having accomplished the purpose for which he visited his former home Thomas Maskell with his little family set sail on their return down the Connecticut River, crossing Long Island Sound to East Hampton, where they probably remained awhile among friends before continuing their voyage to West Jersey.

Children of Thomas and Clemons Scudder Maskell:

8 Constant, b. East Hampton, L. I. ——— 1696; bapt. Simsbury, Conn. July 9, 1699; d. Greenwich, N. J. January 2, 1732-3

9 Clemons, b. East Hampton, L. I. about 1698, bapt. Simsbury, Conn. July 9, 1699. d.
m. Thomas Waithman, b. d.
They had three or more children: Thomas, Constant, William.

Some years previous to the settlement of Fairfield the Quakers of John Fenwick's Colony laid out a town on the north side of the river which they called Cohansey. A number of families from New England joined them and the name was changed to Greenwich from the place in Connecticut whence many of the settlers came.

The land was considered superior to that of Fairfield and some of the Long Island settlers crossed the river and located there.

Just when Thomas Maskell removed to Greenwich is uncertain, his wife having died, probably soon after the baptism of their children and return from Connecticut, he found it to his advantage to make the change.

In the neighborhood of the plantation he purchased was a family by the name of Stathem, said to have come from New England, the father, Thomas Stathem, was married there to Ruth Udell before coming to Greenwich. Thomas Stathem died in 1696, leaving a widow, sons and daughters. Marcy, the eldest daughter, was an attactive girl and would make a good step-mother for his children, so Thomas Maskell must have thought for he paid court to her and winning her consent they were married probably in December 1700.

Children of Thomas and Marcy [Stathem] Maskell:

10 Mary, b. Greenwich, N. J. September 4, 1701; died December 17, 1784, married Thomas Ewing, March 27, 1720 Thomas Ewing, son of Findley and Jane (Porter) Ewing, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1695, He died at Greenwich, February 28, 1747/8.

Children of Thomas and Marcy (Maskell) Ewing.

Maskell Ewing, b. March 31, 1721; died April 16, 1796.

Thomas Ewing, b. October 6, 1722; d.

Marcy Ewing, b. ——— died in infancy.

Mary Ewing, b. February 27, 1726 7; d.

Samuel Ewing, b. ——— died in infacy.

John Ewing, b. June 7, 1732.

Joshua Ewing, b. November 18, 1736; d. ——— — 1785.

Samuel Ewing, b. April 23, 1739; died December 25, 1783.

James Ewing, b. July 12, 1744; died 1824.

11 Mercy, b. October 10, 1703; d.

12 Abigail, b. November 16, 1707; d.
married Joseph Moore.
m 2d Samuel Fithian, Jr. marriage license dated October 25, 1750.
m. 3d Nathan Shaw, m. l. July 17, 1754.

Children of Joseph and Abigail (Maskell) Moore:
Enoch Moore, b. Nov. 9, 1732; d.
Hannah Moore, b. d.
Marcy Moore, b. d.
m. April 30, 1760, Elnathan Ware.
Rachel Moore, b. d.
m. Moses Mulford, l. April 25, 1758.

During his residence in Greenwich, Thomas Maskell took an active part in the affairs of the town and church, becoming one of its most prominent citizens. He was a Freeholder in 1716, a Collector, 1718-1719. Justice of the Peace July 4, 1721, when Henry Buck, late of Hartford, Conn., appeared before him and acknowledged a deed, a gift to his son Henry Buck, Jr.

Thomas Maskell was frequently called upon to render some act of service to his friends and neighbors; he was a witness to the will of Gabriel Davis, April 1, 1711, a well to do farmer, whose personal estate amounted to £364,16,8, a large sum in those days. Thomas Maskell and John Bacon were the appraisers May 25, 1714. On November 3, of the same year he assisted in taking the inventory of William Wethman's estate. Not long afterwards Robert Robbins made his will which he witnessed and also assisted in taking an inventory. He performed similar offices for the heirs of Philip Stathem, Zebulon Stathem, Jonathan Wood and probably others.

Not only was Thomas Maskell a good judge of the value of real estate and personal property as is evident from his selection as appraiser, but in church matters he was also highly regarded. With Henry Joyce, he

was authorized to receive a deed, dated April 4, 1717, for one acre of land, in trust, however, "for the people called Presbyterians, on the north side of the Cohansey River, to build and establish a meeting-house for the public worship of God." The donor was Jeremiah Bacon.

The date of the organization of the church at Greenis not known, the records previous to 1740 are supposed to have been destroyed in the burning of the parsonage about that time. It is said, however, a church was formed in 1700, and was presided over by a Mr. Black. From what we have learned of the religious character of Thomas Maskell we are led to believe he would not have remained long in a community in which there was not a church, and it is quite possible he was one of the founders or an early member of the society at Greenwich.

In 1714 Thomas Maskell was one of thirty-four property holders, Presbyterians and Quakers, who united in a protest against unjust and illegal taxation The taxpayers claimed the assessor was a Roman Catholic and to submit or acknowledge any such person to usurp or have any place in office or profit or trust among them, they would count themselves traitors to his Majesty the King and all true Protestants.

The life of a pioneer is full of hardships, the hard work and exposure to which he is subjected effects the strongest constitution and few there are who attain the allotted seventy years. In the fall of 1732, Thomas Maskell mindful of his age and the uncertainity of life made his will. Richard Miller and Charles and Samuel Dennis witnessed the document which was dated October 26, 1732. He lived until the following January, the date of his death having been preserved throngh the thoughtfulness of a descendant, as shown upon the tombstone of his daughter Mary, and her husband Thomas Ewing, in the Presbyterian Church burying ground at Greenwich. The full inscription is as follows:

In Memory of Thomas Ewings who departed this life the 20 of February Anno Dom: 174⅞ aged 52 Years. of Mary his Wife who died Decem 17 1784 Aged 84 Years She was the Daughter of Thomas Maskell Esq who died Jan 2 1732 (Jan. 2, 1732-3.)

In the "Abstract of Wills" of New Jersey, Thomas Maskell's wife is given as "Mary." She is made "sole executrix during widowhood and to have the house we live in [15 acres] South of the swamp that parts my land from Thomas Wethman's; also my clear land on N. side. Daughter, Mary Ewings, 100 acres. Grandson, Maskell Ewings. Son, Constant Maskell, and Thomas Ewing and Thomas Wethman to have equally my marsh by the creek. Son, Constant Maskell, to have remainder of my land on the East, that is to say, on both sides of the road." Witnesses: Charles Dennes, Richard Mills, Samuel Dennis. Affirmed 30 Jan. 1732.

The inventory of his estate amounted to £137. 18, including riding horse, cattle, corn, etc. Appraisers—Sam, Davis and Charles Dennes.

8

CONSTANT MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas.)

Constant, son of Thomas Maskell was born at East Hampton, Long Island in 1696; with his sister Clemons, he was baptized July 9, 1699 at Simsbury, Conn., his father's former home. Thomas Maskell and family removed from East Hampton to Fairfield in New Jersey, a settlement of Connecticut and Long Island people. He soon removed to Greenwich on the opposite side of the Cohansey River, where he established his home.

His wife however, did not long survive the change and he married, probably about 1700, Marcy, daughter of Thomas Stathem, a neighboring farmer.

Constant Maskell from his fourth year until his death was a resident of Greenwich. Like his father, he be-

came a man of influence in the community, and at that time Greenwich was, with the exception of Salem, the most important place in the county.

Constant Maskell married, probably about 1720, Rachel ———

Children of Constant and Rachel Maskell:

13 Thomas, b, Greenwich, N. J. 1721; d. Greenwich, N. J. September 9, 1803, in his 83d year. m. Esther, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Dennis) Fithian, b. Apr. 12, 1721; no issue. d, m. 2d marriage license, March 2, 1768. Esther, dau. of Jeremiah and Martha (Carll) Fithian. b. 1747; d. Sept. 11; 1805 in 58 y.

14 Daniel, b. Greenwich, N. J. October 15, 1728; d. m. 1. January 15, 1747, Mary Vaughn. b. d. m. 2d Dec. 27, 1756, Elizabeth Garrison. b. March 12, 1730; d. m. 3d, marriage license, Aug. 5, 1775. Sarah Woodruff b. d.

15 Abigail, b. Greenwich, N. J, d. m. m. l. June 11, 1754, William Stretch. a descendant of Joseph, who came from England in 1695, m. 1700, Hannah, dau. of Edward and Mary Bradway.

16 Prudence,* b. d. m. 1. February 22, m. February 24, 1762. William Mulford. b. Sept. 13, 1738; d. September 6, 1801.

Children of William and Prudence (Maskell) Mulford.

Abigail, b. d. m. Isaac Hall.

Jacob, b. d. m. Hannah Thompson. m. 2d Tamson Mulford

Hope, b. d. m. Stephen Mulford.

* See Appendix.

William, b. d. m. Ann dau. of Elijah Cattell. of Salem.
Rachel, b. d. m. Capt. Benjamin Sheppard.
Maskell, b. d. m. Rachel Ewing.

William Mulford, m. 2d Sarah (Fithian) Ewing, April 5, 1787, dau, of Samuel and Abigail Fithian, and widow of Doct. Thomas Ewing, She was born Feb. 16, 1752, d. April 1, 1806.

Children of William and Sarah Mulford.

Thomas Ewing Mulford, b. June 25, 1788. m. Abigail Clark.
James Woodburn Mulford, b. June 25 1791. m. Sarah Alford m. 2d Abigail Woodruff. Both sons resided in Salem.

Children of Jacob and Hannah (Thompson) Mulford:

Clarissa Mulford, b. d. m. Edward Stout, a Methodist clergyman.
Prudence Mulford, b. d. m. James Patterson.
Hannah Mulford, b. d. m. Charles Rnmsey.
William T. Mulford' b. d. m. Eliza Fisler,
Charlotte Mulford, b. 1803. d. m. July 21, 1824, Peter Bilderback.
Jacob W. Mulford, b. d. m. Jane Fisler.

Jacob Mulford, Sen. m. 2d Tamson Mulford.

Child of Jacob and Tamson Mulford.

James W. Mulford b. d. m. Emily L. Ford of Delaware

Clarissa Mulford, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Thompson) Mulford, b. November 3, 1789, bapt. May 10, 1894; d. August 8, 1876, m. February 13, 1809, Rev. Edward Stout. b. July 26, 1786. d. November 3, 1859.

Children of Rev. Edward and Clarissa (Mulford) Stout:

Joseph Totten Stout, b. March 21, 1810; d. June 25, 1898. m. Mary M. Simpers.

Hannah Stout, b. July 23, 1816; d. January 19, 1900, unmarried.

Jacob Mulford Stout, b. August 3, 1818; d. September 23, 1823.

Edward Stout, b. January 13, 1821; d. Mar. 21, 1874, unmarried.

Clarissa Stout, b. August 20, 1824; d. May 1911, unmarried.

Daniel Mulford Stout, b. November 4, 1826; d. July 10, 1908, m. July 5, 1849, Ellen Neff Hough.

Children of Daniel M. and Ellen N. (Hough) Stout:

Clara Ellen Stout, b. d. m.

Charles J. Wooster May 1, 1873.

Their children:

Vernie M. Wooster, b.

Edina V. Wooster, b,

Warren W. Wooster, b.

Lester A. Wooster, b.

Mary Ida Stout, b. m.

November 20, 1878, Andrew J. Rider,

Their children:

Charles Joseph Rider, b. m.

May 30, 1900, Margaret Holmes.

Their child,

Charles Warren Rider, b. m.

June 10, 1922, Marion Bassett.

Their child,
Charles Warren Rider, 2d. b. July 5, 1923.

Elsie Stout Rider, b. m. December 30, 1914 R. Robert Smathers, b. d. August 1, 1916, m. 2d. April 13, 1926, R. Robert Hinsch.

Charles D. L. C. Stout, b. September 11, 1859; d. February 26, 1880.

J. Lewis Stout, b. November 26, 1861; d. December 18, 1904.

Harry A. Stout, M. D., b. m. October 28, 1886, Laura A. Wilson.
Their children:
Wilson Stout, M. D., b.
Elinor Stout, b.

Ollie C. Stout, b. m. April 21, 1892, Charles W. Wilson, M. D.
Their child,
Ellen Stout Wilson. b.

As a boy and man Constant Maskell attended the Presbyterian Church at Greenwich, a primitive wooden structure, standing on land deeded his father, Thomas Maskell, and Henry Joyce in 1717, "in trust, however, for the Presbyterians on the north side of the Cohansey." Later, a deed for six acres for a parsonage was given the Society by Nicholas and Leonard Gibbon, owners of a large tract of land which they were desirous of selling to the incoming settlers.

The increase in population and larger church attendance necessitated a new and larger building, and a subscription paper was circulated among the members. As it may be of interest to know who were cotemporary with Constant Maskell, their names are here given:

Ebenezer Goold	£ 5 0 0	Matthias Fithian	£ 5 0 0
Josiah Fithian	10 0 0	Constant Maskell	10 0 0

William Watson	10 0 0	John Woolsey	2 0 0
Elias Cotting	10 0 0	Ananias Sayre	4 0 0
Samuel Clark	5 0 0	Aaron Mulford	3 0 0
Benjamin Dare	10 0 0	Charles Fordham	3 0 0
Thomas Ewing	10 0 0	William Perry	4 0 0
Abiel Carll	5 0 0	Beelbe Sheppard	1 0 0
Thomas Brayman	5 0 0	Francis Brewster	2 0 0
Abraham Reeves	10 0 0	James Caruthers	4 0 0
Jonathan Sayre	2 0 0	Thomas Read	2 0 0
Nathaniel Bishop	2 5 0	Benjamin Worton	1 0 0
Samuel Miller	4 0 0	John Woodruff	3 0 0
Jonathan Holmes	6 0 0	Noah Miller Jr.	4 0 0
Thomas Sayre	5 0 0	Joseph More	6 0 0
John Pagget	8 9 0	James McKnight	2 0 0
Harber Peck	4 0 0	Charles Campbell	2 0 0
Nehemiah Veal	3 0 0	John Alexander	1 0 0
Samuel Moore	5 0 0	Ebenezer Ash Smith	1 0 0
John Miller	4 0 0	Nathan Lupton	1 10 0
Joseph Peck	2 0 0	James Crawford	1 0 0
Nathaniel Harris	2 0 0	James Robinson	1 0 0
Francis Julis	1 10 0	Nathaniel More	2 0 0
John Shaw	3 0 0	John Tyler	1 0 0
Philip Vickers	5 0 0	John Plummer in work	10 0
John Keith	2 10 0	William Tullis	10 0
Uriah Bacon	10 0	Elias Davis	1 0 0
Robert James	1 0 0	Deborah Keith	1 0 0
Stephen Jessup	1 0 0	Mercy Maskell	2 0 0
Moses Platts	1 10 0	Samuel Bacon Jr.	15 0
Samuel Morfet	1 10 0	Josiah Parvin	4 0 0
John Ffinlaw	1 0 0	Thomas Padgett	6 0 0
Joseph Simpkins	1 0 0	Thomas Waitman	3 0 0

Total amount subscribed: £234. s 10.

Although work on the church had commenced and the congregation worshipped within its walls when the roof was in place, Constant Maskell did not live to see it completed.

Constant Maskell was one of the witnesses to a power of attorney, signed by Edward Scott, Gentleman, of Newport, Rhode Island, and Joseph Scott, Mariner, October 24, 1735.

Just beyond the church and grave yard the road to Boaon's Neck leaves the main highway passing through

fertile farms to the Bay. On this road lived Constant Maskell as his father had before him. Here was his home, his wife and children; about the homestead was the well tilled and well stocked farm.

Constant Maskell was well born, well reared, well read for the times, and highly respected in the community, what more was there to be desired? As he approached middle-life with the prospect of a long and useful career before him, he was, unexpectedly, it is thought, as he made no will, cut down in the prime of life. Such an experience is not uncommon to mankind, but is nevertheless a great grief and sorrow to those who remain.

We can imaging his family, friends and neighbors gathered about the open grave as his mortal remains were tenderly laid to rest and the sadness in their hearts as the mourners returned to their homes,

On the 5th of January following Constant Maskell's death, his widow, Rachel Maskell, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate. Thomas Waithman was bondsman, and the witnesses were Thomas Ewing and Daniel Mestayer. The inventory discloses Constant Maskell had books valued at £5, 11, 6, horses, cows and sheep. He owned in partnership a shallop, his interest was appraised at £9, 10. The total of the inventory was £256, 2, 10. The appraisers were Thomas Ewing and Benoni Dare.

The stone above Constant Maskell's grave in the old Presbyterian burying-ground at Greenwich bears the following inscription:

In Memory of
CONSTANT MASKELL
Who Departed This Life
Decem r 26th 1739
Aged 43 Years
Time hasten on the hour
The just shall wake & sing
O grave where is thy power
O Death where is thy sting

13

THOMAS MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant.)

Thomas, son of Constant and Rachel Maskell, was born at Greenwich, N. J. ——— — 1721; d Greenwich, N. J. September 9, 1803 in his 83d year.
m. Esther, dau. of Josiah and Sarah (Dennis) Fithian, b. April 12, 1721; no issue, d. ——— m. 2nd marriage license, March 27, 1768, Esther, dau. of Jeremiah and Martha (Carll) Fithian, b. ——— 1747. d. September 11, 1805 in her 58th year.

Children of Thomas and Esther (Fithian) Maskell:

17 Abijah, b. Greenwich, N. J. Oct 12, 1773; d. August 2, 1806, in his 34th year. m. April 18, 1798, Mary Wood.

18 Sarah, b. Greenwich, N. J. d.
m. Edward Smith, a resident of Camden, and later of Philadelphia.

Children of Edward and Sarah [Maskell] Smith:

Thomas M. Smith, b. d. m. Mary —
Hetty Maskell Smith, b. d.
m. Matthew Newkirk of Philadelphia.
Sarah Cardine Smith, b. d.
m. —— Kelly.
Mary Emaline Smith, b. d.
Ellen I. Smith, b. d.
Benjamin F. Smith, b. d.
Edward D. Smith, b. d. He was a clergyman of New York City in 1847.
Hannah Ann, b. d. m. Jacob T. Sharp of Salem, N J,

19 Hannah, b. Greenwich, N. J. d.
m. Dr. Samuel M. Shute, as his second wife, he died August 30, 1816. She m. 2d Alexander Henry, 1766-1847, a merchant of Philadelphia.

Thomas Maskell owned several tracts of land in Cumberland County as shown by his will, dated March 9th 1803, which became the property of his heirs at his death.

The esteem and respect in which he was held by the people of the community is well expressed by the inscription on the stone marking his grave in the old Presbyterian burying-ground at Greenwich.

Beneath this Stone was buried the
Body of
THOMAS MASKELL ESQR.
Who died Sept 9th 1803
In the 83rd Year of his Age

He spent a long life in the exercise of every domestic and many public virtues and exhibited a bright example of Integrity Economy and Christiain propriety of conduct. As he lived so he died in the faith of the Gospel of Christ and with a lively hope of a Glorious Immortality through the merits of his obedience and Death

His flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpets joyfull Sound
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise
And in his Saviour's image rise

His wife's epitaph is as follows:

In the memory of
ESTHER MASKELL relict of
Thomas Maskell Esq r dec d
Who died September 11th 1805
In the 58th year of her Age

She was an affectionate and condesending wife a tender indulgent Parent & a bright Pattern of domestic virtue & Economy As a professor of Religion she was attentive & devout & died in the Faith of Jesus Christ & lively hope of Redemption through his blood Let surviving friends be solicitous in imitating her virtues to follow her footsteps as she followed Christ & did good & to impress their bereavement by diligent preparation for meeting her in a future and more perfect state

Here what the voice from Heaven declaims
To those in Christ who die
Releas'd from all the Earthly cares
They reign with Him on high

The inventory of Thomas Maskell's estate, taken Jan. 4, 1804 amounted to $10,603.55 of which $8,087.22 was in bonds and notes, $495,11 in cash, making him one of the rich men of Greenwich.

His widow, Esther, in her will dated August 31, 1805 gave each of their three children ⅓ of the bonds and notes she inherited. In addition, Sarah wife of Edward Smith was to have 12 pair sheets and 12 pair pillow cases. To Abijah, the mare, cow, pair of oxen and the farming utensils. To Hannah, land on west side of Greenwich street which belonged to my father, containing 9 acres, more or less, grain harvested, corn now growing, cows and hogs, all household furniture, the time of service of the black girl Mira, watch, buttons and buckles, one half wearing apparell, To granddaughter, Esther Maskell Smith, the house and lot belonging to my father, containing two acres, more or less. Son in law Edward Smith, executor. Inventory taken October 19, 1805, $3,686,85.

14

DANIEL MASKELL.

[1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 13 Thomas]

Daniel, son of Constant, b. Greenwich, N. J. October 15, 1728. d. Greenwich, N. J. — —— m. m. 1. Jan. 15, 1747, Mary Vaughn. m. 2d December 27, 1756, Elizabeth Garrison. b. March 12, 1730. d.
m. 3d m. 1. August 5, 1775, Sarah Woodruff, b. d.

Children of Daniel and Elizabeth (Garrison) Maskell:

20 Clemmens, b October 6, 1757; d. m. 1 April 2, 1776, John Mulford.

21 Hannah. b. October 26, 1759; d. April 6, 1853, m.l. December 20, 1780, Furman Sheppard b. July 6, 1756, d. December 21, 1832.

Thomas C. Sheppard, son of Hannah Maskell and Furman Sheppard, b. Nov. 15, 1793. d. Nov. 13, 1856. m. Roadstown, N. J. March 26. 1816, Sarah Mulford, dau. of Issac and Phebe (Brown) Mulford. b. April 3, 1797, d. June 6, 1826.

Daniel Maskell Mulford, son of Thomas and Sarah Mulford, b. August 7, 1821; d. Feb. 5, 1892. m. Oct. 25, 1866.Fanny A. Cook, dau. of David and Harriet (Parvin) Cook. b. Nov. 1840, d. Nov. 12, 1917.

Sarah Mulford Sheppard, dau. of Daniel and Fanny A. (Cook) Sheppard, b. Sept. 3. 1875. m. June 22, 1904, Howard Busby Hancock, Their children:

Frances Sheppard Hancock, b. Dec. 15, 1905. d. Aug. 7, 1915.

Joseph Griscom Hancock, b. Feb. 16, 1915.

22 Constant, b. Nov. 28, 1761; d. Aug. 4, 1762.

23 Mary, b. June 20, 1763; d.

24 Almeida, b. March 3, 1765; d. Dec. 8, 1766.

25 Thomas, b. Feb. 18, 1767; d.

The death of Daniel Maskell's father at a comparitively early age, left his widow dependent upon her son Thomas in the management of the farm. At that time he was in his nineteeth year and quite competent to take charge. Daniel, seven years younger, probably rendered what service he was able. As he grew to man's estate he recognized the leadership of his brother, and very naturally thought of establishing a home of his own. Not yet twenty, he won the consent of Mary Vaughn, and they were married by license January 15, 1747. The records are few and fragmentary, and we do

not know when death entered that happy home and claimed the yonthful bride, nor do we know whether any children were born to them, none from this marriage appearing upon the records of the church.

Some time later, [December 27, 1756] Daniel Maskell married Elizabeth Garrison; six children came into this home, though not all attained maturity.

It was evidently during this part of his married life that he was located in Roads Town. An advertisement in the "Pennsylvania Packet," April 12, 1773, gives us the approximate date when he disposed of his Roads Town property. It is inserted here to give the reader some idea of the method of transportation, time and rates.

After his removal he settled upon a farm in the upper part of Greenwich, not far distant from his ancestrial home.

Roads Town, April 5, 1773.

The subscriber takes this method to acquaint his friends, and the public in general that he hath bought, and moved to, the public-house in Roads Town, Cumberland County, New Jersey, (lately occupied by Mr. Daniel Maskell) and drives a stage-waggon from thence weekly to the city of Philadelphia, setting off from the said public-house every Tuesday morning, drives to Mr. William Cooper's and crosses to the New Ferry; and returns from Philadelphia home again on Thursdays, preforming each journey in a day. He likewise drives said stage to Bridge Town, to Mr. Daniel Taylor's, innkeeper, every Monday afternoon and Friday morning, to receive and carry orders and passengers to and from thence. The milage or freight as follows, viz. for passengers to or from Philadelphia the whole distance, five shillings and six-pence; for any shorter distance, one penny half-penny per mile; for any sort of goods or heavy luggage four shillings and six-pence per hundred weight; news papers will be carried at two shillings and

six-pence a year, and letters four-pence a piece. Those who please to favour him with their commands, or company, may depend on civil treatment and the best of usage, by

The Public's very humble servant,

David Mills.

The recommendations of the Continental Congress of 1774, assembled in Philadelphia, "that no goods or merchandise be imported from Great Britain, or East India tea from any part of the world," met with the approval of the patriotic inhabitants of Cumberland County.

At a meeting in Bridgeton, held to take action on the recommendations of Congress, thirty-five persons were chosen to carry them into effect in the county, among them were Thomas and Daniel Maskell.

The committee was informed of the secret landing of a cargo of tea at Greenwich which had been stored in a building on Market-Square, and the appointment of a committee of five to care for it awating the action of the general committee. The next day when they met, they were informed the tea had been taken from the storehouse and burned the night before. The committee could not approve of the act and so went on record, but no doubt secretly pleased at the proceedings.

This act, the burning of a cargo of East India tea by a company of young men disguised as Indians, made Greenwich famous in the annals of Cumberland County.

From Ebenezer Elmer's journal we learn under date of May 3, 1775 the spirit of patriotism aroused by recent events at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts, led to a meeting of the inhabitants at the home of Esquire Fithian's (near Sheppard's Mills) for the purpose of choosing officers for a company of militia. The choice resulted in Daniel Maskell election as Captain.

Another meeting was held the 12th at Dr. Ewing's in Greenwich, when in addition to Captain Maskell, Dr. Thomas Ewing and Ladis Walling were chosen Lieu-

ants and Reuben Dare, Ensign.

The Militia met, marched and drilled; attended divine service at Deerfield and Greenwich, and were in readiness whenever called into active service.

Daniel Maskell's wife having died he married for the third time, Sarah Woodruff, marriage license dated August 5, 1775.

Captain Maskell's military record as given in the "Official Roster of State Troops and Militia" is as follows: Daniel Maskell, Captain, "Minute Men;" Captain, Second Battalion; Cumberland; Second Major, ditto, November 26th, 1777.

The companies of militia, called "Minute Men" were "held in constant readiness, on the shortest notice, to march to any place where assistance might be required, for the defence of this or any neighboring Colony."

The "Minute Men" of Cumberland and Cape May Counties were independent companies of light infantry and rangers. In case of alarm the "Minute Men" were directed to repair immediately to their captains' residences, and he was to march his company instantly to oppose the enemy.

17

ABIJAH MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 13 Thomas.)

Abijah, son of Thomas and Esther (Fithian) Maskell, was born at Greenwich, N. J. October 12, 1773; d. Aug. 2, 1806, in his 34th year. m. April 18, 1798, Mary, dau. of John Wood, Esq., and Martha Sayre Wood; she was born March 23, 1777. d. July 9, 1806, in her 29th year.

Children of Abijah and Mary (Wood) Maskell:

26 John Wood, b. Jan. 23, 1799; d. Nov. 2, 1873.

27 Thomas, b. Oct. 23, 1801; d. July — 1810, in Philadelphia.

28 Martha Sayre, b. Nov. 12, 1803; d. Sept. 6, 1805.

29 30 Sons, twins. b. — —— d. — aged twenty days.

The old burying-ground of the Presbyterian Church at Greenwich is the most interesting in the county *

Within the enclosure lie buried the remains of some of the representative men and women of the community, for, before the Revolution Greenwich was the most important town, (except Salem,) in this section of South Jersey, and its inhabitants the most intelligent and cultured.

At that time the church, a substantial brick structure, was located within the burial ground and the graves of the members were near by, among them those of the Maskell's, whose enduring memorials record their virtues. Not all of the family who were buried here have marked graves; beneath the sod forgotten by kindred lie members of this family, whose death, whose birth even, is, to our great regret, unrecorded.

Tombstones reveal much that is tragic in life; hopes unfulfilled, joys unrealized, early deaths, but faith in a glorious future. The tombstone of Abijah, son of Daniel Maskell, marks the sad ending of a young man and his wife, as follows:

In memory of

ABIJAH MASKELL

who departed this life August the 3rd 1806 after a short but painful illness in the 34th year of his age.

After experiencing in the short period of 25 days the painful affliction of witnessing the death of an affectionate wife and two infants, leaving him two small children to lament the irreparable loss of an indulgent father. His relations were bereft of a valuable kinsman and his neighbors a kind friend.

Is this the case that all must die
And death no age doth spare
Then let each to Jesus fly
And seek for refuge there

* Tombstone Inscriptions in the old Presbyterain Burying Ground at Greenwich, N. J. With a Historical Sketch. Compiled by Fran't D. Andrews. Privately printed. One hundred and four numbered copies. Vineland, N. J. 1915. Price $1,00.

In memory of
MARY MASKELL

wife of Abijah Maskell who departed this life July the 9th 1806 in the 29th year of her age Leaving an affectionate husband and four small children together with loving parents and numerous friends to lament her loss

While pity prevents the rising sigh
Oh may this truth impart
With awful power I too must die
Sink deep in every breast

This commemorates the death of two twin infant sons of Abijah and Mary Maskell aged 20 days

Happy infants early bless'd
Rest in peaceful slumber rest

In memory of Martha Sayre Maskell daughter of Abijah & Mary Maskell who departed this life September 6th aged 1 year 9 months and 24 days

Lovely innocence farewell
Thee we call our own no
more Death has snatched
thee from our arms
Heaven shall give thee brighter charms

26

JOHN WOOD MASKELL

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 13 Thomas, 17 Abijah.)

John Wood, son of Abijah and Mary (Wood) Maskell, was born, January 23, 1799; died, November 2, 1873, married, November 29, 1821, Sarah Ann Mulford, born, July 24, 1805; died, January 21. 1873.

Children of John Wood and Mary Ann (Wood) Maskell.

31 ~~27~~ Mary Wood, b. May 11, 1824; d. June 23, 1825.
32 ~~28~~ Thomas Abijah, b. June 6, 1826; d. Dec. 23, 1909.
33 ~~29~~ Hannah Ann, b. Feb. 4, 1829; d. March 13, 1912, unmarried.

34 Ann Maria, b. June 13, 1831; d. July 2, 1904, m. Jan. 29, 1851, Caleb S. Fogg. m. 2d August 17, 1874, Jeremiah Anders.

Children of Ann Maria Maskell and Caleb S. Fogg.

Albert Sherron Fogg, b. Jan. 23, 1852.

Melvina Cogill Fogg, b. Sept. 7 ,1853.

Lucy Wood Fogg, b. May 27, 1857. d. March 1894.

Emma Louisa Fogg, b. Feb. 4, 1860. d. 1923.

Abigail Mulford Fogg, b. Oct. 30 d. Nov. 29, 1919.

35 Sarah Jane, b. Oct. 14, 1833; d. Nov. 3, 1905. m. Thomas Sayres DuBois, no issue.

36 Harriet, b. March 13, 1836; d. Sept. 23, 1836.

37 Mary Wood, b. Feb. 6, 1838; d. Jan. 29, 1913. m. April 23. 1862, Chamless Allen.

Children of Mary Wood Maskell and Chamless Allen.

Henry Thomas Allen, b. Feb. 20, 1863; d. Oct. 18, 1915.

Hannah Maskell Allen, b. Oct. 29, 1864.

John Maskell Allen, b. April 21, 1866; d. March 5, 1891.

38 Ellen Mecum, b. Nov. 10, 1840; d. Dec. 19, 1913 unmarried.

39 Lucy Wood, b. April 13, 1843; d. March 7, 1844.

40 John Henry, b. Feb. 10, 1845; d. June 8, 1918. m. about 1873, Ann Eliza Cattell Anderson.

John Wood Maskell was a member of the New Jersey Assembly from Salem County in 1837.

28

THOMAS ABIJAH MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 13 Thoma , 17 Abijah, 26 John Wood.)

Thomas Abijah, son of John Wood and Sarah Ann Maskell, was born June 6, 1826; died December 23, 1909. married Letitia Tyler Harris.

Children of Thomas Abijah and Letitia Tyler [Harris] Maskell:

41 Adalaide Atkinson, b. July 11, 1854; m. Nov. 23, 1879, Reeves Steele Stretch.

Children of Adalaide Atkinson and Reeve Steele Stretch:

J. G. Stretch, b. Jan. 1, 1882; d. Jan. 1, 1882.

Florence Stretch, b. Dec 25, 1882: d. Aug. 21, 1890.

Thomas Maskell Stretch, b. Oct. 2, 1885.

Joseph Reeves Stretch, b. April 14, 1887.

42 Mary Henry, b. d. of diptheria while young.

43 Anna Bell, b. d. do. do.

40

JOHN HENRY MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 13 Thomas, 17 Abijah, 26 John Wood.)

John Henry, son of John Wood and Sarah Ann (Mulford) Maskell was born February 10, 1845; died June 8, 1918, m. Ann Eliza Cattell Anderson. 1873?

Children of John Henry and Ann Eliza Cattell (Anderson) Maskell:

44 John Wood, b. May — 1874?

45 Idella Sarah, b. d. January 24, 1908. [She was a Salem School teacher.]

46 Thomas Harold, b. d. young.

44

JOHN WOOD MASKELL.

(1 Thomas, 5 Thomas, 8 Constant, 15 Thomas, 17 Abijah, 26 John Wood, 40 John Henry.)

John Wood, son of John Henry and Ann Eliza Cattell Atkinson Maskell, b. May 1874? d. m. Caroline Dare.

Children of John Wood and Caroline (Dare) Maskell:

47 Idella, b. d.

48 Margaret, b. d.

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John Wood, son of Abijah and Mary (Wood) Maskell, settled in Salem County, at Lower Alloways Creek, at what was known as Wood's Lower Mills, afterward, as Maskell's Mills. He represented Salem County in the Legislature in 1837, and was justice and judge in 1838–'39.

Removing to the City of Salem, he was a member of the Council in 1858.

Note:—On page 8, the death of Constant Maskell is erroneously given as January 2, 1732-3, (the date of his father's death.) Constant Maskell died on the 26th of December 1739.

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Prudence Maskell:— A marriage license was granted William Mulford and Prudence Maskell February 22, 1762. The Greenwich records give the date of their marriage as February 24, two days later. Rev. Andrew Hunter was then pastor of the Greenwich Church.

The birth of their children is also recorded as follows:

i Abigail, evidently named for Prudence sister, b. January 25, 1763.
ii Jacob, b. March 3, 1766.
iii Hope, b. January 5, 1768,
iv William, b. December 11, 1776.
v Maskell, b. September 6, 1781.

William Mulford died April 19, 1801, aged 62 years, 7 months and 6 days.

There does not appear to be any record of the birth of Prudence Maskell; she was probably about the same age as her husband. Her death occurred between September 6, 1781 and April 5, 1787, when William Mulford married for his second wife, Sarah (Fithian) Ewing, widow of Dr. Thomas Ewing.

Constant Maskell's son, Thomas, born 1721, married Esther Fithian, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Dennis) Fithian. From this union, it is said there was no issue. Thomas Maskell married for his second wife, m. l. March 27, 1768, Esther, daughter of Jeremiah and Martha (Carll) Fithian, and had children.

That Prudence Maskell was the daughter of Constant and Rachel Maskell, there appears, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, little doubt.

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF STREET MASKELL.

Street Maskell:— Sergeant, Captain Bloomfield's Company, Third Battalion, First Establishment.

Sergeant, Captain Gifford's Company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment.

—*Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War.*

APPENDIX.

MASKELL.

The name of Maskell has been held in such honor and esteem that it has been given, not only to descendants of Thomas Maskell, but to others, and is borne by men and women of the present generation.

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Maskell Mills Carll.
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Maskell Ewing Curwin.
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Do, do. b. 1843.
Do. do b ———
Thomas Maskell Findley
Maskell Harding.
Maskell Applegate Hunt.
Daniel Maskell Mulford
Maskell Mulford.
Prudence Maskell Mulford.
Maskell Reeves.
Hannah Maskell Sheppard
Esther Maskell Smith.
Hetty Maskell Smith.
Sarah Maskell Smith.
Thomas Maskell Stretch.
Dan Maskell Ware.
Hannah Maskell Ware.
Do. do. b. 1804.
Do. do. b. 1833.
Do. do. b. 1860.
Harold Maskell Ware.
Do. do. b. 1889.
Maskell Ware. b. 1766,
Do. do. b. 1811.
Do. do. b. 1822.
Do, do. b. 1881.
Richard Maskell Ware.
Thomas Maskell Ware.
William Maskell Ware.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The name of John Maskall appears in the New Haven Colony Records, August 1648, when he testifies against drunken men.

John Maskell of Boston, signed a petition to set a tax on all goods exported or imported. October 1668.

Matilda Maskell, m. Henry Bitters, January 10, 1811.

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